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FROM QUINLAN MUSCAT

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: OMANI FOREIGN MINISTER COMMENTS ON OMANI FOREIGN
POLICY AND POSSIBLE PEACE KEEPING FORCE

REF: KUWAIT 0920

1. FONMIN UNDERSECRETARY ALAWI CONFIRMED THAT INTERVIEW OF
OMANI FONMIN ZAWAWI IN LAHORE FEB 22, REPORTED BY REUTERS
(REFTEL) REPRESENTED OFFICIAL OMANI VIEW. ALAWI ADDED THAT IN
MEETINGS WITH ARAB REPS WHO WERE CRITICAL OF OMAN FOR ACCEPTING
IRANIAN ASSISTANCE, OMANIS HAD CONSISTENTLY ARGUED THAT SINCE ARAB
STATES HAD PERMITTED NON-ARAB SUPER POWER (RUSSIA) TO ASSIST THEM
IN ME DISPUTE, THEY SHOULD NOT OBJECT TO OMAN'S ACCEPTING
IRANIAN AID -- OR EVEN TO OMANI REQUEST FOR HELP FROM WESTERN
EUROPE OR ANOTHER SUPER POWER.

2. RE PEACE-KEEPING FORCE, ALAZI SAID OMAN WOULD NOT NOW
TAKE INITIATIVE TO REQUEST IT. BRITISH AMBASSADOR MUSCAT BELIEVES
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OMANIS HAVE TRIED TO INTEREST ARAB LEAGUE (AL) IN PROBLEM AND

THAT PEACE-KEEPING FORCE IDEA WAS BROACHED BY OMANIS TO AL SECGEN
IN CAIRO SEVERAL TIMES.

3. AMBASSADOR'S COMMENT: KUWAITIS HAVE NOT PUBLICLY REACTED
TO OMANI CRITICISM (REFTEL) BUT IN PAST WHEN QUESTION OF OMANI
NEED FOR ASSISTANCE HAS ARISEN, GOK HAS RESPONDED A) OMAN NEVER
ASKED FOR HELP, AND B) GOK HELP TO PDRY IS ONLY DESIGNED TO
LESSEN RELIANCE OF PDRY ON USSR, PRC, GDR, CUBA, ET AL. AND
IT HELPS ONLY THE PEOPLE DIRECTLY, NEVER THE GOVERNMENT.
WE HOPE SEE FONMIN OFFS IN NEAR FUTURE AND WILL SEE IF WE CAN
ELICIT FURTHER RESPONSE AT THAT TIME.
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